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COMMITTEE MEETING (07.00)

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1.DURING 9 JANUARY MEETING AT SCAE, SICOUNS EXPLAINED
CONTENTS OF REFTEL TO PUSTYTSEV AND VASIL'YEV.
PUSTYNTSEV EXPRESSED GRATITUDE THAT PETROSYANTS'S DESIRES
ARE BEING REFLECTED IN POST-JCM ITINERARY, BUT NOTED SCAE
HAS CONTINUED TO PLAN AROUND LATE-FEBRUARY TIMING FOR JC.
PUSTYNTSEV AND VASIL'YEV DISCOUNTED WEATHER AS DETERMINANT OF
SUCCESS OF POST-JCM VISITS, AND ASKED WHETHER VISIT
19 FEBRUARY TO 5 MARCH COULD STILL BE ARRANGED. VASIL'YEV
ADDED THAT SCAE IS PLANNING TO HOLD SIXTH ATOMIC ENERGY JCM
IN U.S.S.R. IN FOURTH QUARTER OF 1978, AND THAT WEATHER
CONDITIONS THEN WOULD MEAN BEST TIMING WOULD BE
OCTOBER. THUS SIXTH JCM WOULD REVIEW ONLY SHORT
PERIOD OF COOPERATION IF FIFTH JCM IS DELAYED BEYOND
FEBRUARY. SCICOUNS AGREED TO REPORT THEIR COMMENTS,
BUT ASKED THAT THEY CONSIDER APRIL-MAY TIMING FOR
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JCM. VASIL'YEV PROMISED TO ADVISE FOLLOWING CONSUL-
TATIONS WITH PETROSYANTS.

2. COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES APRIL-MAY TIMING
PREFERABLE NOT ONLY FOR WEATHER CONSIDERATIONS, BUT
ALSO BECAUSE SPRING MSCHEDULING OF ATOMIC ENERGY
JCM IS PREFERABLE. ENERGY JCM (08.00) IS ALREADY

FIRMLY ESTABLISHED IN FALL-WINTER SLOT, AND WE FEEL THE TWO JCM'S SHOULD NOT OCCUR DURING SAME QUARTER. THUS IF FIFTH ATOMIC ENERGY JCM IS HELD APRIL-MAY 1978 IN U.S., SOVIETS COULD BE ASKED TO HOST SIXTH MEETING IN SPRING OF 1979. WHILE S&T JCM ALSO APPEARS TO BE DRIFTING TOWARD SPRING SCHEDULING, THERE SHOULD BE NO CONFLICT SINCE IT WOULD BE HELD IN U.S. NOT THE U.S.S.R., IN SPRING OF 1979. END COMMENT.

3. SOVIETS AGREED THAT VISIT TO ORNL MOLTEN-SALT-REACTOR FACILITY OF LITTLE INTEREST AND REQUESTED ITS ELIMINATION FROM ITINERARY, BUT REQUESTED, AT BEHEST OF MINISTRY OF POWER AND ELECTRIFICATION, INCLUSION OF U.S. ATOMIC ELECTRIC STATION IN SOUTHERN HALF OF THE U.S. VASIL'YEV BELIEVES THAT HILL REFERRED IN DECEMBER TO SUCH A FOUR-BLOCK POWER STATION, IN WHICH TWO REACTORS ARE OPERATIONAL AND TWO ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION. VASIL'YEV WAS UNSURE OF LOCATION, BUT THOUGHT STATION SITUATED IN ARIZONA.

4. PUSTYNTSEV PROVIDED FOLLOWING LIST OF MEMBERSHIP OF SOVDEL TO JCM:
PETROSYANTS, MOROZOV, MESHKOVN MARKOV, LOBANOV, OVCHINNIKOV, VELIKHOV, KAZACHKOVSKIY, CHUVILO, VASIL'YEV, PUSTYNTSEV, VESELOVSKIY, AND ILYUSHCHENKO (INTERPRETER.)
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5. PUSTYNTSEV ALSO PROVIDED WORKING PAPER SCAE HAS BEEN USING FOR FEBRUARY-MARCH TIMING OF JCM. PAPER GIVES DELEGATION ARRIVAL 19 FEBRUARY ON SU-315 AND DEPARTURE OF 5 MARCH ON SU-316, EXCEPT VELIKHOV AND MARKOV, WHO MUST DEPART 26 FEBRUARY.

6. DELEGATION LIST AND SCAE WORKING PAPER POUCHED TO EUR/SOV/EXCHANGES REGISTRY 2076429.
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